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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 19 September 1979

The Director was preparing to brief the President; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.

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Hetu said he received a call yesterday from Phil Jones (CBS) asking about responses to a potpourri of questions on Soviet activities in Cuba in a letter (marked unclassified--very personal) from Senator Jesse Helms to the Director. Hetu told Jones he had just received a copy of the letter, was not prepared to respond, nor would he respond before contacting Senator Helms.

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Referring to his previous report of 14 September, Hetu said Ted Koppel (ABC) is gathering material in preparing a "primer" on the process of intelligence. Hetu said he has been assured this production will not be a T.V. expose on CIA. Hetu noted Koppel wants to use film footage taken previously (some of NPIC) and that he wants to interview a production analyst. Hetu said he would get together with Clarke and Dirks, and added Koppel has already interviewed former Director Colby and Cord Meyer.

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Calling attention to letters signed by the Director on 17 September to Dr. Brzezinski and Secretaries Kreps, Vance and Brown on Export Control violations, Clarke said State's Bartholomew has informed him Secretary Vance is anxious to move on this. Clarke said he has asked  to handle coordination for CIA and that action is underway.

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Clarke reported [ ] has returned to NFAC from his tour on State's Policy Planning Staff and will take up his previous role of monitoring NFAC production. [ ]

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Clarke said he feels it would be useful for the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel to review work underway for an NIE on Soviet Technology and R&D requested by Defense's Dr. Perry. Clarke said Stoertz has agreed and has set things in motion. [ ]

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Referring to Export Control violations, Hitz asked when we should anticipate leaks on this, especially leaks to Congressional committees. He said some committee staffers are likely to pick up information in DoD. Hitz advised we be certain of our approach on this and decide if and when Congressional committees should be notified. Mr. Carlucci advised this responsibility belongs appropriately with State or Commerce. Silver added we have a responsibility to notify the Department of Justice under the provisions of E.O. 12036 because of probable illegal involvement by a U.S. citizen. Though McMahon voiced his reservations about reporting beyond what had already been done, Mr. Carlucci explained what he and Silver had already accomplished with the Attorney General to facilitate such reporting. Clarke said he will have [ ] get in touch with Hitz and Silver. Discussion followed on numerous complexities and vagaries surrounding proper procedures and Agency responsibilities for reporting such violations. Mr. Carlucci asked Silver and Waller to get together--to serve as a Steering Group--and clarify for appropriate Agency personnel pertinent regulations and the Agency's reporting responsibility under E.O. 12036. Waller said his office has been working with OTR on this matter. (Action: OGC and IG) [ ]

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Hitz reported the SSCI team headed by Hal Ford will meet with Clarke today as part of the Committee's review of the Intelligence Community's performance/collection on Soviet military presence in Cuba since 1959. [ ]

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Hitz reported Department of Justice's Shenefield is reviewing our FOIA package and will report on it to Attorney General Civiletti on Friday. Hitz said Shenefield has indicated we have no reason to worry about the package. [ ]

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Hitz said [ ] met yesterday with HPSCI's Jim Bush regarding national-tactical interface which continues to be problematical. Hitz noted HAC Snodgrass's intransigence on this issue which portends problems for next year's NFIP. [ ]

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Silver said he received a call yesterday from Michael Blouin, Director, Information Security Oversight Office. Blouin said he disapproves of Agency regulations under E.O. 12065 (classifications) and that he has released to the ACLU copies of correspondence between ISOO and CIA on the "balancing test"--balance between security safeguards and the public's right to know. Silver said nasty problems are rising out of Blouin's role, e.g., a case being argued today--Marks vs. CIA--could be jeopardized. Silver said he will engage in no further written correspondence with Blouin, that Blouin is impeding our legitimate process. Mr. Carlucci expressed his alarm and asked Silver and Wortman to work out a way of dealing effectively with Blouin without ignoring Blouin's executive order responsibilities. (Action: DDA and OGC) [ ]

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Silver reported good news that the HPSCI's new draft on identities legislation pretty much matches our original proposal. [ ]

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Waller reported the survey on recruitment being conducted by his office is nearing completion. The survey included questionnaires provided [ ] employees hired since October 1977; questionnaires were also provided to [ ] managers/supervisors of these employees. Though analysis is not complete, Waller noted several results:

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--53% of these employees were hired as a result of family relationships and other contacts with the Agency; 14% came from college placements

--84% of supervisors opined that these employees are equal to or better than past groups; 49% said they are better

--68% of these employees expressed job satisfaction; 32% expressed dissatisfaction.

Waller noted also recruiters are receiving very little input from hiring offices, but are relying on inputs from the Office of Personnel and their own instincts. [ ]

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Dirks raised his concern on further public attention being called to NPIC in Ted Koppel's planned T.V. presentation. Mr. Carlucci asked Dirks to get together with Hetu on this. [ ]

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Mr. Carlucci said, in his meeting yesterday with the DCI MAG, they reported misunderstandings about the Special Collection Service resulting in what appears to be significant differences between NSA and CIA personnel involved. He asked Dirks to attempt to clear up this confusion or misunderstanding. (Action: DDS&T) [ ]

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